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TIMBER AND PAPER INDUSTRY TO EXPAND

PARTY CONGRESS CALLS FOR EXPANSION -- Leninskoye Znaniya, No 93, 13 May 49

Decisions of the Second Congress of the KP(b) Karelo-Finnish SSR stressed the achievements, problems, weaknesses, and further development of the Karelo-Finnish timber and paper industry.

The Karelo-Finnish timber industry produced 5 percent of the Republic's total gross production in 1948. In the same year, the Republic's logging industry shipped 4,822,000 running meters of timber, over 160 percent more than in 1945. In 1948 the paper industry produced 44 percent more paper and 32 percent more cellulose than in 1940. Woodworking enterprises of the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry produced 752,700 cubic meters of wood products during the first 3 postwar years.

However, the growth of the timber industry is lagging in comparison with the development of other branches of the economy and is not meeting their demands for timber. The industry is slow in utilizing machines, equipment, and new techniques.

The Congress considered the complete restoration and further development of the logging industry to be the most important tasks of all Karelo-Finnish party organizations. The untouched timber stands of the east, northwestern, and southeastern parts of the Republic should be put to use. The Congress recommended that the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee KP(b) raise the level of logging by the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry to 6.4 million cubic meters in 1949, 10 million in 1951, and 20 million in 1955.

The number of permanent workers in the logging industry should be increased to 70,000 in the next 3 to 4 years. Steps should be taken for the further development of the woodworking and cellulose and paper industries in accordance with the general growth of logging. Reconstruction must be completed and new construction begun on the Segezha and Kondopoga Paper Combines and the Pitkyaranta Cellulose Plant. The Congress recommended that the Central Committee of the KP(b) Karelo-Finnish SSR examine the question of constructing hydrolytic alcohol shops in large sawmills.

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KOMI ASSR EXCEEDS 1948 QUOTA -- Kommunist, No 8, 11 Jan 49

Timber industry workers and kolkhozes of the Komi ASSR exceeded the 1948 plan for logging. As of 1 January 1949, 1,151,000 cubic meters of timber had been logged above plan, and 573,000 cubic meters of timber had been hauled above plan. This included the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry, which showed the following results: logging, 969,000 cubic meters; hauling, 473,000 cubic meters. In 1948, 1,306,000 cubic meters more timber were hauled than in 1947, and the volume of logging by enterprises of the Ministry and Timber and Paper Industry reached the 1950 level.

GOR'KIY TIMBER BEATS PLAN -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 10, 13 Jan 49

During 1948, logging enterprises of Gor'kiy Oblast fulfilled the plan for logging 135.7 percent and the plan for hauling 119.8 percent. Above-plan logging amounted to 1,667,000 cubic meters of timber and above-plan hauling to 924,500 cubic meters.

The "Gor'kles" (Gor'kiy Timber) Trust of the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry logged 1,471,000 cubic meters of timber and hauled 1,205,000 cubic meters. The plan for logging and hauling called for 900,000 cubic meters each.

ESTONIAN TIMBER FLOATING COMPLETED -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 112, 14 May 49

Timber floating in Estonian SSR ended on 13 May. On 30 rivers of the Republic 210,000 cubic meters of timber, or one third more than in 1948, were floated.

UKRAINE PAPER FACTORY RESTORED -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 19, 25 Jan 49

The Polianskaya Paper Factory in Slavutskiy Rayon, Kamenets-Podol'sk Oblast, has been restored, and production has already started.

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